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1. WITH REF TO GRIP/DILLON TELCON AND INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL B (RECEIVED AFTERNOON OCT 14) US REP CONSULTED APPROPRIATE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS FOLLOW-UP TO THEIR EARLIER APPROACHES TO US REP OR BECAUSE OF THEIR TRADITIONAL ALIGNMENT WITH US IN ICAO COUNCIL. ACTION PROPOSED REFTEL PARA 2 MEANS NOTHING TO COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN STEEPED IN THIS SUBJECT FOR THREE MONTHS; HOWEVER US REP BASED DISCUSSIONS ON FOLLOWING POINTS: A) MANY COUNCIL REPS PREFER THAT KOTAITE REMAIN SECGEN BECAUSE OF HIS EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND QUALIFICATIONS; B) SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER SUCCEEDING TO PRESIDENCY WOULD BE EASIEST WAY TO MAKE TRANSITION TO NEW PRESIDENCY ESPECIALLY MID-TERM; C) CHANGING BOTH POSITIONS AT ONCE WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE; D) SEEMS TO BE PAUCITY OF CANDIDATURES AND IN FACT COUNCIL MAY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT A SIMPLE FAIT ACCOMPLI FOLLOWED BY SAME PAUCITY CANDIDATES FOR SECGEN; E) SINCE SEVERAL MEMBERS HAD ALREADY BROACHED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE US CANDIDACY, IN THOSE CASES US REP ENDEAVOURED RE-OPEN SUBJECT BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS. (THIS WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD

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MANY LARGE AND SMALL MEETINGS AND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS HERE

AND ABROAD REGARDING MANY ALTERNATIVES. TALKING SOME MORE ABOUT A RUNG-OUT SUBJECT WAS DIFFICULT. MOST COUNCIL REPS HAVE CONSIDERED MATTER THOROUGHLY INCLUDING KOTAITE CANDIDACY WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT REPS IN MONTREAL AT RECENT ICAO OPENING OR DIPCON, OR HAVE SOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING KOTAITE OVER PAST MONTH SINCE HIS CANDIDACY LETTER WAS BROUGHT TO MONTREAL DURING DIPCON, MID-SEPT.

2. WE ARE NOW WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF ELECTION/PRES COUNCIL. BINAGHI TOLD ONE REP ON INQUIRY THAT HE INTENDED CIRCULATE "LETTER" OF CANDIDACY (KOTAITE) ONE MONTH AHEAD OF ELECTION. (THIS IS LATE ENOUGH TO AVOID CRITICISM, BUT EARLY ENOUGH TO ALLOW TIME FOR INSTRUCTIONS). MOST COUNCIL REPS SEEM TO HAVE ABANDONED ANY POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVES AND SOME ALREADY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON KOTAITE. HOWEVER, AS FOLLOWING REPORT INDICATES, MANY COUNCIL REPS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED KOTAITE REMAIN IN SECGENSHIP.

3. BASED ON VARIOUS INDICATIONS OVER LAST FEW MONTHS, US REP SELECTED APPROPRIATE STATES FOR CONSULTATION AS FOLLOWS.

4. EUROPE. UK, FRG, SCANS. (DID NOT CONSULT ITALY/FRANCE/ SPAIN) ITALY REP HAS BEEN HERE TWELVE YEARS, SELDOM RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS. HE IS VERY COOPERATIVE WITH US REP BUT UK FEELS HE MIGHT FAVOR KOTAITE CANDIDACY ALONG WITH FRANCE. SPAIN MOVES MOSTLY WITH LA GROUP BUT OCCASIONALLY GOES ALONG WITH EUR AND WESTERN BLOC ESPECIALLY IF MAJORITY CLEAR. FRANCE COMMITTED TO KOTAITE BECAUSE CONSIDER IT IS FRENCH-SPEAKING TURN IN PRES.) PURSUANT TO US/UK DISCUSSIONS OCT 3, UK REP CONFIRMS THAT "REAL POSSIBILITY" EXISTS FOR SUCCESSFUL US CANDIDACY. HOWEVER, HE IS REALISTIC REGARDING SERIOUS PROBLEMS. RAISED QUESTION OF US FIRST VICE PRESIDENCY IN NEGATIVE SENSE SAYING THAT "SOME MEMBERS" MIGHT FEEL THAT US HAS "USED IT" TO MOVE INTO PRES. US REP REPLIED THAT IF COUNCIL CONSIDERS HAVING A COUNCIL REP IN PRES, THEN CONSIDERATION OF FIRST VP SEEMS LOGICAL AND POSITIVE SUCCESSION. MUCH OF DISCUSSION WAS REITERATION OF ANALYSIS OF SITUATION AND BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OCT 3. UK REP OFFERED APPROACH SWEDEN IN INTEREST OF TIME AND SUGGESTED US REP TALK WITH FRG. UK REP REPORTED BACK THAT "WE CAN COUNT ON SCANS". (US REP WILL FOLLOW-UP) US REP
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TALKED WITH FRG REP WHO EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE AT POSSIBILITY OF EASY SUCCESSION COUNCIL REP MOVING INTO PRESIDENCY IN ORDER MINIMIZE DISRUPTION. HE IS CONTACTING HIS GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY FOR INFORMAL READING RE POSSIBLE US CANDIDACY.

5. EASTERN EUROPE. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AND ANALYSIS DURING VANCOUVER TRIP, US REP TALKED AGAIN WITH USSR REP WHO HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED PREFERENCES FOR LEAVING SECGEN IN

PLACE. HE SEEMED PLEASED AT POSSIBILITY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATURE FOR PRES ESPECIALLY US REP MAKING USUAL RESERVATIONS RE GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS. HE INDICATED WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK VERY FAST ON ANY ALTERNATIVE TO KOTAITE, ESPECIALLY SINCE EASTERN EUROPE HAS COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS TIMEWISE. HE BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF PLACING MORE RUSSIANS IN SECRETARIAT, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY DIR/ADMIN VACANCY WHICH HAS EXISTED FIVE YEARS. US REP POINTED OUT THAT IT IS SECGEN WHO HANDLES SUCH MATTERS NOT PRES/COUNCIL (ALTHOUGH PRES COORDINATES INFORMAL CONSULTATION FOR APPROVAL BUREAU DIRECTORSHIPS). SOVIET REP INDICATED THAT HE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD RESPECTIVE ROLES, AND LEFT US REP WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS GOING TO PUT PRESSURE ON KOTAITE ONCE AGIN TO APPOINT RUSSIAN DIR/ADMIN, OR HE WAS GOING TO USE KOTAITE'S INACTION ON PERSONNEL AS EXCUSE FOR NOT SUPPORTING HIM. IN ANY CASE, MOROZOV WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED AND SAID HE WAS CONTACTING HIS EMBASSY/OTTAWA RIGHT AWAY. SAID HE COULD NOT PROMISE WHAT HIS OTHER TWO EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES WOULD DO. US REP WENT TO CZECH REP, VERY NEW TO ICAO AND MARGINAL IN ENGLISH BUT LIKE PREVIOUS CZECH REP IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH US. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL PLEASURE WITH POSSIBLE CANDIDATURE FROM WITHIN COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY US, BUT INDICATED HE MUST GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT BEFORE GIVING ANY FORMAL OR INFORMAL OPINION. FYI: HIS PREDECESSOR VODICKA WAS ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON THREE YEARS BEFORE COMING MONTREAL -- IS VERY PRO-US AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH US REP. HE IS IN PRAGUE WHERE DIRECTOR GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION KREBS WOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED REACT FAVORABLY AS RESULT OFFICIAL VISIT THERE TWO YEARS AGO. END FYI. YUGOSLAVIA REP GAVE INCOHESIVE REACTION. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL INCLINATION TO FAVOR SUCCESSION COUNCIL MEMBER TO PRES BUT INDICATED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MIGHT NOT GO ALONG. HE IMMEDIATELY SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH HIS UN MISSION NY WHICH

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WOULD REQUIRE US VISA. US REP EXPLAINED THAT US MISSION ICAO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH VISAS. HE INDICATED THAT CONTACT WITH HIS EMBASSY/OTTAWA OR US VISA THROUGH OTTAWA WAS OUT OF QUESTION. WHEN US REP GOT HIM BACK ON SUBJECT OF ELECTING A PRES HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH INDIA IMMEDIATELY. NO ONE CONSULTS WITH INDIA ABOUT ANYTHING. WE LEFT IT THAT YUGOSLAVIA REP WOULD TALK WITH COLLEAGUES INCLUDING USSR AND GET BACK TO US REP LATER.

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5A. AFRICA. FOUR AFRICAN STATES HAVE LED EFFORT FOR KEEPING KOTAITE IN SECGENSHIP. LACKING ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATURES FOR PRES THEY HAD GIVEN UP OPPOSING HIM. WHEN US REP BROACHED SUBJECT OF COUNCIL MEMBER MOVING UP, POSSIBLY US, THEY MADE NO EFFORT TO HIDE THEIR PLEASURE. NIGERIA IS SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER WHOSE POSITION AND INTERVENTIONS HAVE MOVED STEADILY CLOSER TO US. HE TOLD US REP THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM POSSIBILITY OF HIS OWN CANDIDACY FOR PRES BUT HE HAD MADE A "PERSONAL" DECISION NOT TO SEEK IT BECAUSE HIS WIFE AND YOUNG CHILDREN WISH TO RETURN TO NIGERIA NEXT YEAR AND BECAUSE HE IS YOUNG MAN IN CAREER SERVICE NOT WANTING TO BE AWAY FROM NIGERIA ANY LONGER. HE MENTIONED DWEMOH LETTER CRITICALLY LEAVING US REP WITH IMPRESSION THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE FOLLOW UP IN AFRICAN GROUP TO DWEMOH BID. NIGERIA REP BROUGHT UP TIME FACTOR POINTING OUT THAT WE ARE NOW WITHIN ONE MONTH OF ELECTION. THERE ARE RUMORS BUT NO FORMAL CANDIDATURES HAVE BEEN FILED. UNLESS CANDIDATES ARE FILED BEFORE THIS FRIDAY, OCT 17 HE AND OTHERS WILL SEEK A POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION DATE. FAR-DISTANT COUNTRIES ON COUNCIL CANNOT GET MAIL TO THEIR CAPITALS, GET POSITIONS FORMULATED AND RETURNED IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TIME. HE LAUNCHED INTO PERSONAL PRAISE OF US REP'S SENSITIVITIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OBJECTIVITY, AND EASE IN COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON DIFFICULT ISSUES. HE

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INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY RECOMMEND SUPPORT OF

A CANDIDACY LIKE US REP BUT RESERVED ANY OFFICIAL POSITION BECAUSE HE SAID IF OAU OR POLITICAL BUREAUS BECOME INVOLVED, GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS MIGHT BE BASED ON POLITICAL FACTORS BUT HE FELT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE. RESPONSES FROM REP OF KENYA (EA) WERE LESS GUARDED. HE SAID THAT A CANDIDACY FROM WITHIN COUNCIL WOULD "SOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS" AND THAT WITHOUT DOUBT FOUR AFRICAN COUNCIL MEMBERS COULD SUPPORT US REP 100 PER CENT. DISCUSSIONS WITH SENEGAL REP FOLLOWED ON HIS TWO APPROACHES TO US REP ABOUT FILING CANDIDACY SO AS TO KEEP SECGEN IN PLACE. HE WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY OF US REP EFFECTIVENESS AND SENSITIVITY IN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE DID NOT THINK POLITICAL OVERTONES WOULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON HIS OWN RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SAID HE WAS CONTACTING HIS GOVERNMENT AT ONCE REGARDING ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY OF CANDIDACY FROM WITHIN COUNCIL (US). NEW MADAGASCAR REP ARRIVED TWO WEEKS AGO IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY TO US. DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT HELD AT THIS EARLY STAGE BECAUSE US REP BELIEVES THAT ENTHUSIASM OF THREE OTHER AFRICAN STATES WOULD WITHOUT DOUBT CARRY HIM.

6. AUSTRALIA. FORMER REP WAS FIRST COUNTRY TO ANALYZE SERIOUSLY WITH US REP POSSIBILITY OF COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDACY SPECIFICALLY US REP (JULY). WHEN US TALKED WITH NEW AUSTRALIAN REP OCT 10 HE CALLED FOR WELL DOCUMENTED FILE ON VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES FOR PRESIDENCY INCLUDING CANDIDACY US REP. HE SAID HE WOULD WANT TO CONTACT HIS GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY IF THOUGHT WERE BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY US CANDIDACY. HE SAID THAT STRONG FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS BY PREVIOUS REP NOW IN AUSTRALIA, AND OTHER AUSTRALIANS IN ICAO WORK, AS WELL AS BY ASSISTANT IATA ADM/SHAW (AUSTRALIAN/NS) WOULD CARRY VERY STRONG WEIGHT IN SUPPORT US REP, AND WIHTOUT DOUBT AUSTRALIA WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE COUNCIL REP CANDIDACY. OCT 14 HE ADVISED US REP THAT HE HAD PHONED AUSTRALIA. HE ADVISED THEY ARE WORKING ON IT BUT HAVE NEVER COMMITTED THEMSELVES BEFORE DAY OF VOTE ON SUCH A MATTER. IN HIS OPINION POLITICAL SHAKE UP IN AUSTRALIA OVER WEEKEND WILL PROBABLY PUT ICAO PRES AT "BOTTOM OF LIST" FOR SOMETIME. FYI. WE SHOULD RECALL AUSTRALIA "DELICATE" ROLE IN COUNCIL -- PUSHED DOWN TO CATEGORY TWO FOUR YEARS

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AGO AS RESULT OF LDC DISPLEASURE WITH IMMIGRATION POLICY. PRES/COUNCIL MENTIONED THIS BACKGROUND RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE JACOB CANDIDATURE; HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA BACK IN CATEGORY ONE AND HISTORY IS NOT KNOWN TO MANY COUNCIL REPS. FURTHERMORE, LDC BLOC CLEARLY SPLIT ON APPROACH TO ELECTION. IN OPINION US REP IF AN EFFORT MADE TOWARD PRES, AUSTRALIA WOULD VOTE WITH US. END FYI.

7. JAPAN REP CLEARLY PLEASED AT POSSIBILITY ALTERNATIVE TO SECGEN ADVANCEMENT. HE ASKED ABOUT US POSITION ON ROTATION PRES. US REP INDICATED GENERALLY THAT TOO FREQUENT ROTATION WAS NOT USEFUL BUT EXTREMELY LONG TERMS MIGHT BE OUTMODED ALSO, AND THAT SOMETHING IN BETWEEN COULD BE APPROPRIATE DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL AND CIRCUMSTANCES. JAPAN REP SAID TIME WAS GETTING SHORT, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT HIS GOVERNMENT AT ONCE FOR INFORMAL READING ON ALTERNATIVE OF COUNCIL REP (US) POSSIBLE CANDIDACY.

8. MOROCCO REP HAS WORKED ACTIVELY FOR TWO MONTHS IN EFFORT TO KEEP KOTAITE IN SECGENSHIP AND FIND AN ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATURE FOR PRES. HE HAD TWICE ENGAGED US REP IN ANALYSIS AND LONG DISCUSSIONS REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF RETAINING KOTAITE IN POSITION HE WAS QUALIFIED FOR RATHER THAN ADVANCING HIM TO PRES FOR WHICH HE IS NOT QUALIFIED, THEN SEEKING PERSON WITH QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRES TO PUT IN SECGENSHIP. HE ENDEAVOURED TO COLLECT 17 COUNCIL MEMEBERS TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO SECGEN THREE WEEKS AGO. GROUP WAS ONLY 12 OR 14 AND COULD AGREE ONLY ON TWO THINGS; A) TO SEND TWO/THREE REPS TO KOTAITE TO APPEAL NOT TO FILE; AND B) TO PUT "THIRD WORLD" CANDIDACY IN BOTH PRES AND SECGENSHIP. REPORTS OF THIS MTG VARY CONSIDERABLY. THOSE WHO WENT TO KOTAITE INDICATE THAT HE SEEMED FIRM IN HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRES. MOROCCO REP TOLD US THAT LEBANON HAD NOT CONTACTED ARAB STATES AS REPORTED AND MOROCCO WANTED FLEXIBILITY IN ITS POSITION. REPORTEDLY MOROCCO REP'S EFFORTS LED TO A PERSONAL CONFRONTATION WITH EGYPT REP (WHO APPARENTLY HAS FILED KOTAITE CANDIDACY). WHEN US CONSULTED WITH MOROCCO OCT 14 HE INDICATED THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN "BROUGHT INTO LINE" AND MUST VOTE FOR ARAB CANDIDATE (KOTAITE) IF HE RUNS. ONCE AGAIN MOROCCO URGED US TO MAKE EFFORT TO KEEP KOTAITE FROM FILING CANDIDACY IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO US. ALL OF DISCUSSIONS IN TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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REFTELS HAD LONG SINCE BEEN BROUGHT TO US REP BY MOROCCO REP AND HE REMINDED US OF THIS AND EXPRESSED REGRETS THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE SOMETHING MUCH EARLIER WHEN HE TRIED TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO STOP KOTAITE.

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9. COSTA RICA. IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND CENTRAL AMERICA REP, CONSULTATION WITH COSTA RICA PRODUCED VERY FAVORABLE PERSONAL RESPONSE. REP WAS CONCERNED REGARDING MOVING SEC GEN TO PRES, AND LACK OF CANDIDATURES GENERALLY. HE EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE AT POSSIBILITY OF A COUNCIL REP CANDIDACY PARTICULARLY US. HE INDICATED THAT HE IS CONTACTING HIS GOVERNMENT AT ONCE IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME LEFT AND REQUESTED REPRESENTATIONS THROUGH US EMBASSY TO BOLSTER HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. US REP SAID US GOVERNMENT MADE DECISION TO PURSUE CANDIDACY, UNDOUBTEDLY APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. COSTA RICA REP STATED THAT HE WORKS WITH LA CAUCAS AND IS NOT SURE THAT GROUP WOULD WELCOME ANY EFFORT CHANGE FROM KOTAITE AT THIS POINT.

10. SOUTH AMERICA. BECAUSE OF PRES/COUNCIL BINAGHI CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO ARGENTINA/BRAZIL/LA LEADERSHIP, US REP HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH BRAZIL ONLY, COUNTRY MOST LIKELY TO TAKE DECISIONS INDEPENDENT OF BLOC ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO ANY US POSITION. BORZIL REP WAS VERY OBJECTIVE IN DISCUSSIONS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PRESENT STATE OF THINGS ESPECIALLY REGARDING A LACK OF CANDIDATURES FOR PRES AND SEC GENSHIP. PERSONALLY HE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN A QUIET TRANSITION BY ADVANCING A SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER, PARTICULARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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US, BUT EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT STARTING A LONG PERIOD OF "US/USSR DETENTE" IN WHICH PRES WOULD BE HANDED FROM ONE TO OTHER ON AN AGREED ROTATION BASIS. US REP ENDEAVOURED ALLAY FEARS INDICATING THAT THERE WERE MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS REGARDING ELECTION PRES THAN THAT POSSIBILITY. BRAZIL REP IS

TELEPHONING RIO REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE TO KOTAITE BECAUSE HE ALREADY HAS INSTRUCTIONS "TO VOTE FOR KOTAITE IF THERE ARE NO OTHER CONDIDATURES." FYI: IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT ABSTENTIONS BECOME NEGATIVE VOTES WHEN A STATUTORY MAJORITY IS REQUIRED, AND SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERING ABSTAINING SO AS TO BLOCK CONSENSUS, OR EVEN TO FORESTALL ELECTION OF A CANDIDATE THUS DELAYING FINAL DECISION. END FYI. BRAZIL REP ASKED THAT US REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE IN SUPPORT OF HIS RE-OPENING HIS INSTRUCTIONS. HE ASKED IF REPRESENTATIONS ARE MADE THEY BE TO MAJOR BRIGADERE EDEVIO CALDOS IN RIO, SANCTOS IN CERNAI HEADQUARTERS ASAP.

11. TRINIDAD-TOBAGO IS PART OF LA CAUCAS (IN SPITE OF EARLY CLOSENESS TO AFRICANS). HE IS REASONABLE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER/DCA AND WAS VERY MUCH IN AGREEMENT WITH US REP DISCUSSION OF ADVANTAGES OF CONSIDERING SENIOR COUNCIL REP FOR PRES ESPECIALLY HE SAID BECAUSE IT WOULD GET WHOLE THING OVER EASILY. HE SAID "IN FAIRNESS" THAT US SHOULD KNOW THAT LA GROUP HAS DECIDED TO PUT "THIRD-WORLD" IN BOTH PRES AND SECGENSHIP. US SUGGESTED ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL REP POSSIBILITIES (BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS T-T REP HAD ALREADY THOUGHT THROUGH MOST ALTERNATIVES.) HE WAS, IN THROES OF WRITING HIS GOVERNMENT, SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FULL DOCUMENTATION BEFORE FRIDAY'S MAIL STRIKE GETS UNDERWAY. HE AGREED WITH ALL LOGIC OF US PRESENTATION, AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ADD TO HIS COMMUNICATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT POSSIBILITY OF A CANDIDACY FROM WITHIN COUNCIL (POSSIBLY US). BUT HE SAID IF WE FILED CANDIDACY, US SHOULD IMMEDIATELY MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO HIS GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.

12. CANADA. HISTORICALLY US HAS BEEN ABLE TO COUNT ON CANADA FOR UTMOST SUPPORT IN MATTERS OF THIS KIND BECAUSE OF OUR CLOSE ASSOCIATION IN AVIATION MATTERS AND MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS. INADEQUACIES OF PRESENT CANADIAN REP AND HIS QUEBECOIS/PRO-FRENCH/ANTI-US ORIENTATION PLUS HIS COMPLETE LACK OF AVIATION BACKGROUND HAS RESULTED IN A TOTAL

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BREAKDOWN OF COORDINATION EFFORTS ON COUNCIL MATTERS. THIS HAS BEEN REPORTED REPEATEDLY. THREE OF ABOVE COUNCIL REPS TOOK PERSONAL INITIATIVE TO CAUTION US REP REGARDING COUNTING CANADA AS SUPPORTING ANY COUNCIL REP CANDIDACY ESPECIALLY US. CAN REP SUPPORTS KOTAITE BECAUSE HE WOULD BE FRENCH-SPEAKING PRES, BECAUSE FRENCH REP SUPPORTS HIS, AND MOSTLY BECAUSE CAN REP INTENDS TO BE SECGEN (FOR PRESTIGE REASONS AND TO OBTAIN BENEFITS FOR CNANDIANS IN ICAO SECRETARIAT.) COUNCIL REPS TOLD US THAT EVEN IF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDACY, CAN REP COULD NOT BE RELIED ON IN SECRET BALLOT. FOR THESE REASONS FOR TIME BEING US NOT HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH CAN.

13. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THERE WERE NO RESPONSES FROM US OVER PAST FEW MONTHS REGARDING KOTAITE CANDIDACY AND VARIOUS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES. THERE WILL BE NO CANDIDACIES FILED AGAINST KOTAITE FROM WITHIN OR WITHOUT. HIS FORMAL FILING BY EGYPT WILL BE CIRCULATED THIS WEEK WITHOUT DOUBT, AND THOSE REPS WHO DO NOT ALREADY HAVE POSITIONS ARE DOCUMENTING KOTAITE CANDIDACY AND SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS TODAY/TOMORROW AHEAD OF IMPENDING MAIL STRIKE FRIDAY OCT 17.

14. KARNA BARKAH/INDONESIA HAS WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FILE CANDIDACY FOR SEC GEN IMMEDIATELY VACANCY NOTICE DISTRICUTED. LDC GROUP CONSIDER HIM "LEAST UNDESIRABLE OF CANDIDATES AVAILABLE" AND WILL RELUCTANTLY SUPPORT HIM BECAUSE A) HE IS A NICE MAN AND HE AND HIS WIFE WISH REMAIN MONTREAL; AND B) BARKAH HAS AVIATION TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW WHICH WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE IN PRES SO WE SHOULD HAVE IT IN SEC GEN.

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